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In re Application of :
Fukumitsu et al. :
Application No. 10/649,228 : **DECISION GRANTING PTA**
Filed: August 26, 2003 :
Attorney Docket 58807-RCE (47793) :

This decision is in response to applicants' PETITION FOR REVIEW OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.705 AND 1.703(a)(1) timely¹ filed on October 12, 2006. The applicants notes that the determination at the time of the mailing on the notice of allowance is 230 days not 173 days.

Applicants' petition is GRANTED. The USPTO will adjust the PAIR calculation at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance to reflect a determination of 230 days.

Applicants assert that the USPTO erred in awarding only 204 days of PTA for failing to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.702(a)(1). Applicants assert that the correct amount of PTA under this provision is 261 days. Applicants assert that the filing date is August 26, 2003 not October 2003. In addition, the Applicants do not contest the reduction of 31 days under 37 CFR 1.704(b).

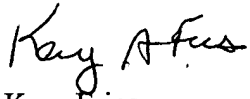
Patentees arguments are persuasive. The USPTO finds that the proper filing date of the application was August 26, 2003. Accordingly, the USPTO should have assessed a delay of 261 days for violation of 37 CFR 1.702(a)(1). The Office notes that although an notice of missing parts was mailed to applicants, the filing date of the application was assigned August 26, 2003. Accordingly, the overall determination at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is 230 (261-31=230) days.

After the mailing of this decision, this application will be forwarded to the Office of patent publications for a prompt issuance of the patent. The USPTO notes that any applicant delays pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10) or USPTO delays pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(b) or 1.702(a)(4) will be determined at the time of the issuance of the patent and will be reflected in the issue notification letter that is mailed to applicant approximately two and 1/2 weeks prior to issuance of the patent.

The Office has assessed the \$200.00 fee required of this request. No additional fees are required in considering this matter.

Any questions should be directed to Kery A. Fries, Senior Legal Advisor, at 571-272-7757.

¹Issue fee paid on October 12, 2006.

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for Patent Examination Policy

cc: ADJUSTED PAIR CALCULATION

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/649228

Application Filing Date:	08/26/2003	PTO Delay (PTO):	204
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	31
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